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Mr. Orlando Monaco  
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Re: Site 9, Ash Landfill/Dump Removal Action, Soil Sampling Operating Procedures  
Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mr. Monaco:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has reviewed the draft "Site 9 Ash Landfill/Dump Removal Action, Soil Sampling Operating Procedure (no date), prepared by Oak Environmental Consultants, Inc. Based on that review MEDEP has the following comments and issues which need to be incorporated immediately.

1. There is no mention of duplicates or MS/MSD (matrix spikes) samples, only trip blanks. At a minimum there should be 10% field duplicates. Please add to the SOPs.
2. The stainless steel bowls/shovels/scoops must be decontaminated between samples - Alconox and DI rinse would do it. Please add to the SOPs.
3. The low-level VOC samples have a 48 hour hold-time unless frozen at the lab. If the VOC samples are not going to be frozen at the lab, they need to be at the lab within 36 hours to have a reasonable chance of being analyzed within 48.
4. The percent moisture vial be filled full, rather than 3/4 full, as there will be some loss of moisture to the headspace in the vial. Please add to the SOPs.

Please contact me at (207) 287-7713 or [claudia.b.sait@maine.gov](mailto:claudia.b.sait@maine.gov), if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

  
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